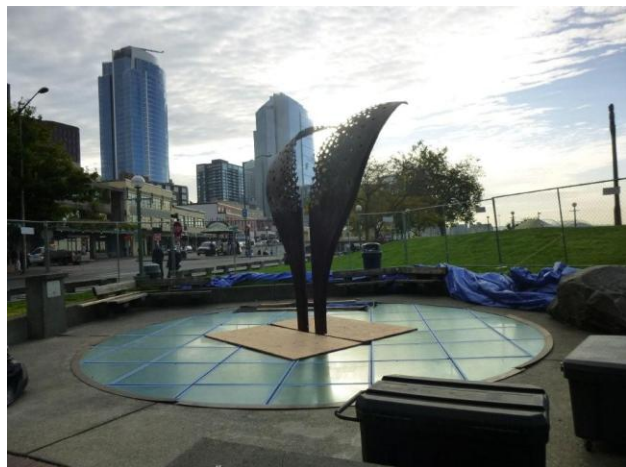


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THE HOMELESS REMEMBRANCE PROJECT
"Tree of Life" DEDICATION/COMMUNITY
CELEBRATION in Victor Steinbrueck Park



2-4 PM SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 21st
AT the "Tree of Life," NE
corner of Victor Steinbrueck
Park (Western/Virginia, north
of Pike Place Market)

The homeless women of WHEEL (Women's Housing, Equality and Enhancement League) have long carried a dream and a vision—of one beloved community, undivided, homeless and housed, together. Out of the grief of standing Women in Black vigils to remember homeless people who died, we began working with our supporters to create a public gathering place (with art) to celebrate life and promote healing and peace, and other art installations in a variety of Right of Way locations to remember homeless people with dignity and respect. No other project like this exists in the world.

Our vision became a beautiful "Tree of Life" sculpture and gathering place in Victor Steinbrueck Park, and "Leaves of Remembrance," with names, embedded and scattered in sidewalks throughout the City. The "Tree of Life" is meant to be an inspiration now and a witness into a future when homelessness no longer exists. "Leaves of Remembrance"—109 so far in eight locations—link people to individual stories, remind us of our common humanity, and remind us never to forget.

We're thrilled to invite you to witness the dedication of our "Tree of Life" in Victor Steinbrueck Park, from 2-4 PM this Sunday, October 21st. Dignitaries will speak from 2:15--3 PM (including Parks Superintendent Williams, Project Benefactor Ken Alhadeff, Seattle City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, and several faith community leaders). At 3 PM we'll officially "bless" and dedicate the Tree, and then we'll celebrate, with food and music (Anzanga Marimba Ensemble)!

We're grateful that our vision sparked connection with many other people and public/private entities, one by one, over all these years: faith community leaders, artists and designers, the Seattle City Council, many Seattle Departments (Parks and Recreation, Neighborhoods, Transportation). As we always believed, the act of creating a project to honor homeless people cut through all that separates us, and built community in ways that are important to everyone. **JOIN US!**

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